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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR WHEAT PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given any assistance for the successful implementation of the comprehensive plan worked out by the scientists to raise the food production, especially wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) For increasing production and productivity of cereal crops, Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas are in operation. In pulses and maize which are constituent of food crops, National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP) are also in operation.

Research on development of high yielding varieties and hybrids, their production and protection technology and breeder seed production are the integral part of the plan. The research programmes are implemented through 13 crop based institutes fully financed by the ICAR and 20 multi-centered all India Crop Improvement Research Projects jointly financed by the ICAR and State Agricultural Universities. In wheat, one exclusive institute (Directorate of Wheat Research) and one all-India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Project with 31 centres located in different agro-climatic zones of the Country, are functioning.